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TO: School Nutrition Program Sponsors

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ATTENTION: Food Program Director

SUBJECT: Special Restricted Open Sites

REFERENCE: 2003 Sponsor Administrative Guidance (Summer Food Service Program)

This Management Bulletin provide information regarding a new type of Summer Food Service Program site that schools may operate under the Seamless Summer Feeding Waiver (Seamless Waiver). The new "special restricted open site" allow sponsors to serve Seamless Waiver meals to children who are transported from needy eligible to non-needy ineligible areas.

To qualify, the "special restricted open site" must:

- Draw children from eligible areas where at least 50 percent of the children qualify for free or reduced price meals according to school or census data;
- Allow all children from the eligible area to participate, but may limit the number participating due to reasons of security, safety, or control;
- Have no bussing or attendance fee; and
- Restrict children from the surrounding ineligible area from participating in the meal service.

An example of a "special restricted open site" is when a sponsor wishes to provide activities and nutritious meals to children from an eligible area, but is unable to secure a site in that geographic area. Without charge, the sponsor transports the children from the eligible area to a site that is located in an ineligible area.

Schools must ensure that the "special restricted open site" does not only serve summer school students. Schools who only serve meals to summer school students do not qualify for the Seamless Waiver and must continue to claim meals under the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Program regulations.

If you wish to operate a "special restricted open site" under the Seamless Waiver, please submit the attached Site Request form for approval.

If you have any questions, please contact your nutrition services representative, the Field Services Unit at (916) 445-0850 or (800) 952-5609, or Melissa Garza at (916) 322-5885 or mgarza@cde.ca.gov.

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